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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Kunihiko IIZUKA et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
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AGENT FOR PROPHYLAXIS AND TREATMENT
OF INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA AND PULMONARY
FIBROSIS
[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/01728
Filed March 21, 2000]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3, immediately after the title, please insert the following:

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This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/01728 filed March 21, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The agent for the prophylaxis and treatment of interstitial pneumonia and pulmonary fibrosis of claim 1, wherein the compound having a Rho kinase inhibitory activity is an amide compound of the following formula (I)